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City of Romulus names interim police chief

The City of Romulus has sworn in Robert J. Pfannes as interim chief of the Romulus Police Department. Pfannes will lead the department while Police Chief Jadie Settles is on medical leave.

Pfannes, who worked in law enforcement for more than 32 years, recently retired as chief of police for the City of Ann Arbor Police Department after also having served with the Garden City Police Department. During his career in law enforcement, Pfannes has been a road patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, SWAT team leader, undercover narcotics officer, and lieutenant and Special Threats Incident Commander for the City of Ann Arbor.

"Chief Pfannes has a deep commitment to public service, a holistic approach to policing and the belief that a police department is at its best when it partners with the community it serves," said Romulus Director of Human Resources Kevin Losen at the swearing-in ceremony on March 4.

Pfannes has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Washtenaw Police Academy Advisory Board. He has presented at the University of Michigan Ross School of Public Policy, taught at the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and has served as an instructor at Schoolcraft College Western Wayne Regional Police Academy for 27 years.

Robert Pfannes is sworn into his new position as interim chief of police by Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg.

"I am excited to be joining the Romulus family today," said Pfannes. "I commit to you that every decision I make will be in keeping with the best interests of the city, its residents, the police department and its mission."

Officer Eric Smith was also promoted to the rank of sergeant during the ceremony. Smith has been with the Romulus Police Department for almost seven years.

Community mourning death of Melissa McLaughlin

American flags in Canton Township were lowered to half mast last Thursday as a tribute to former township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, a longtime resident and well-known public figure who died March 4 following a year-long battle with cancer.

Shirley Melissa McLaughlin, was born June 3, 1957 and earned her bachelor of science degree in education from Eastern Michigan University in 1978. During her career in public service, she served as the Canton Township treasurer from 2008 through 2016 and under her direction the township earned a AAA rating by Fitch and an AA rating by Standard & Poor.. She was also proud of her work with then state legislator Kurt Heise, now the Plymouth Township supervisor, on several legislative efforts including work on Public Acts 223, 224 and 225 which improved property owners' abilities to evict squatters from their homes. She implemented advanced tax software in the treasurer's office and reduced billing costs by $50,000 annually.

Shirley Melissa McLaughlin

In a social media post, Heise said, "Very sad today to learn of the passing of former Canton Township Treasurer Melissa Mclaughlin. She was an outstanding public servant who I'll always remember and appreciate for her ideas and support of important bills during my time in the Legislature serving the Canton community".

Mrs. McLaughlin served as a Canton Township trustee for more than 20 years and during her terms in office, both the leisure services and police department in the township earned national accreditation.

While serving as a township trustee, McLaughlin introduced the plan to join the Great Lakes Water Authority subsequently approved by the members of the board. She was responsible for reducing unpaid water debt in the township from $1.5 million to about $40,000 annually.

Mrs. McLaughlin was a moving force with diversity efforts in the township and promoted the Not in Our Town effort organized by the Canton Public Safety Department, Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Library and several outreach groups to encourage unity and diversity in the community. She also served as the chair of the Canton Downtown Development Authority as long as her health allowed. She also served on the township planning commission and was very active with the township historical commission.

Mrs. McLaughlin is survived by her husband, John, and two children, Ian (Heather) and Bryan along with her grandchildren Colin, Jacob, Alex and Gavin. She is also survived by siblings Tom (Manka) Noakes, Kathy Bonaventura and David Hybert.

A memorial service for Mrs. McLaughlin is planned in June at the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church although arrangements were not finalized at press time. Final arrangements were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Probe into coach's auto crash is reopened by sheriff

The Feb. 8 rollover car crash involving a Wayne Memorial High School wrestling coach is being investigated by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department following reports that there were passengers in the vehicle not previously identified to investigators.

Reports indicate that there were three members of the wrestling team in the vehicle driven by the coach which crashed near the Howell exit from I-96. Initial reports indicated that the driver lost control of the vehicle on the exit curve at about 8:18 a.m. traveling at more than 70 m.p.h. and the roadway was snow covered. The vehicle entered the area between the highway and the exit ramp and rolled over, trapping the three teens inside, according to reports from witnesses.

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The students were subsequently picked up from the wreck and taken to the wrestling conference tournament and competed in their matches without any medical examination or treatment. Reportedly, the teens were cautioned not to speak to anyone about the accident.

The team members kept silent, until one of them displayed symptoms of a concussion, diagnosed by an athletic trainer at the high school. When the student's parents were notified, the teen explained what had happened, confirmed by the other two boys in the vehicle.

The police report of the crash report lists a single vehicle and a single driver involved in the accident and does not list occupants in the vehicle,

"We have since learned there were (allegedly) other occupants in the vehicle, so that has reopened the investigation," Sheriff Mike Murphy wrote in an email. "Once the investigation is completed it will be sent to the Livingston County Prosecutor's office for review for possible charges, so it would be inappropriate for me to comment any further."

According to the Livingston County prosecutor's office, a complaint warrant would be issued if a falsified police report were discovered and charges could be filed in the incident.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools issued no further information other than the letter sent to parents from high school principal James Anderson. "We are aware that there have been media reports on this situation. While we cannot share specifics that may impact the privacy of any of the individuals involved, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me via email at andersonj@wwcsd.net or by phone at (734) 419-2200."

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The owner of the mold-filled home on Lotz Road has until April 11 to either cure the problem or demolish the structure unless the Circuit Court grants her petition and takes control of the situation.

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Volunteers turned out in droves last week during the Habitat for Humanity International Women Build Week at a home site in Inkster.

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Maybury Sanitorium: Fresh Air Care including the history and legends of the facility will be the topic of two presentations in Northville in April.

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Two local history buffs in Plymouth have published a book about the impact of railroads throughout the area.

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Wayne - Westland

Make A Wish

Benefit gala set to fund charity

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Whatabouts musical group is planning a Glamour Ball this spring for Make A Wish Foundation.

The Make A Wish nonprofit group helps ailing children and their families with treks to favorite destinations. Kelly Miller's three-person Whatabouts musical ensemble will perform Friday, May 15, at the charity benefit at Joy Manor banquet hall.

Joy Manor is at 28999 Joy Road in Westland (south side of Joy). The Glamour Ball of "Vintage Glam or Fashion Today" gives folks a chance to help sick children as well as dance, eat dinner, and enjoy an open bar.

The May 15 event costs $50 per person and will continue from 6-11 p.m. Miller, a Farmington Hills resident, formerly of Garden City, has ticket information at (734) 377- 1745.

"We thought this would be fun to have people dress up in prom or ball gowns, and have somewhere to go," said Miller. Close family members of Miller have done Make A Wish benefit work, so The Whatabouts decided to follow suit.

The Whatabouts perform musical numbers of the 1940s to 1960s.

Suzy Hoover of Livonia and Deb Mulka of Livonia are fellow Whatabouts music group members.

Said Miller, "We have done other fundraisers in the past," including for military veterans and the American Cancer Relay for Life.

Miller's musical group also supports battered women and children with benefit work supporting the Christian Joyce Meyer Ministries. "We try to give back to the community," said Miller.

Her friend has used Make A Wish programming for herself. On May 15 at Westland Joy Manor Miss Glamour and Mr. G Cool will be crowned. The male honorific is to be "kind of glamour for guys but more cool."

Kelly Miller of Farmington Hills, Suzy Hoover of Livonia, and Deb Mulka of Livonia are the musical Whatabouts who will perform at a May 15 benefit for the Make A Wish Foundation in Westland.

Kelly Miller's website at www.the-whatabouts.com has more information. She and her coworking organizers are seeking raffle items such as gift cards and donations are greatly appreciated.

"I never get to go to any of her events." Having fun in vintage glam or fashions of today while supporting the nonprofit is her aim, Miller said.

Westland reappoints 2 to city commission terms

Two long-serving Westland residents were re-appointed to city entities last month.

Members of the city council confirmed the re-appointment of Debra Fowlkes to the Westland Planning Commission and the re-appointment of Sharon Scott to the Downtown Development Authority during their regular meeting Feb. 18.

Fowlkes' new three-year term will expire Feb. 18, 2023 and Scott's four-year appointment will conclude Feb. 18, 2023.

Fowlkes, a long-time resident of Westland, has served on the planning commission since May 2015. She previously served on the police and fire Civil Service Commission.

Fowlkes also served on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education and was president of the board.

The planning commission is governed by a nine-member board appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation by members of the city council. Members of the commission serve three-year terms. Members must reside, work or have ownership interest in property in the City of Westland.

The planning commission reviews and recommends to city council all applications for amendments to the zoning ordinance or zoning map, applications for special land uses, site plan approvals and planned unit developments. Meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at city hall.

Scott is also a long-time Westland resident and has served on the DDA since 2004. She currently serves as treasurer of the Wayne County Community College District Board of Trustees and previously served on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, the Westland City Council, the Wayne-Westland Credit Union Supervisory Board and the Wayne High School Alumni Association Board.

The DDA is governed by an 11-member board appointed by the mayor and subject to the approval of the members of the city council. The Downtown Development Authority implements an improvement and business development plan in a commercial district along Ford Road and Wayne Road south of Ford and members help firms by providing design assistance for redevelopment of commercial properties. Regularly scheduled board meetings take place at 8 a.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at city hall, located at 36300 Warren Road. The meetings are open to the public.

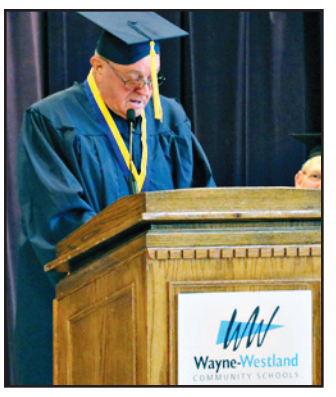
"Debra and Sharon have worked hard on their respective boards and commissions during their previous terms and I look forward to continuing to work with them throughout their upcoming terms," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "I am pleased to support their re-appointment and welcome their continued service and commitment to the community."

Sharon Scott

Debra Fowlkes

At last

Avery Hall, an Army veteran who left Wayne Memorial High School when he was 17, before graduation, to serve in the Korean War was awarded his high school diploma during a special ceremony Feb. 28 at Taft-Galloway Elementary School. Hall's military career included service in Vietnam, Germany, Alaska and Fort Sill. Now 84, he currently resides in a veteran's home in Oklahoma. He attended Cady Elementary School in Westland in the 1940s and grew up in what was Nankin Township. After serving 20 years in the military, he worked for Lawton Public Schools for 24 years.



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BELLEVILLE - SUMPTER - VAN BUREN - ROMULUS

Treasurer, auditor squabble about bank fees

The responsibility for nearly $10,000 in accounting charges sparked a heated exchange at the Feb.11 Sumpter Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Township Treasurer Kenneth Bednark heatedly addressed an agenda item which requested the board authorize payment of $3,062 to the township accounting firm of Post Smythe Lutz and Ziel. The fees were charges for the correction of errors that occurred during the change of township banking from PNC to Comerica by Bednark. Bednark called the fees a political ploy by Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis and then claimed the errors were created by Cari Ford and Ron Traskos with Post Smythe Lutz and Ziel and were not the responsibility of his office.

Bednark stated that Ford and the accounting firm should be responsible for the cost of correcting the errors because she approved the bank changes. Ford attempted to deny the accusation but Bednark interrupted her and refused to let her speak on the issue, stating that he had the floor and she could speak when he was finished.

Bendark also claimed that Township Supervisor John Morgan was to blame for the charges as he had not attended a meeting regarding the bank change. He also claimed that obstacles have been deliberately placed in his path by township officials in retaliation for his banning of Armatis from his office in 2018.

> *Ford told the board members and audience that she and Post Smythe Lutz and Ziel had no responsibility in the bank change or the errors that occurred.*

Bednark then went on to inform the audience that there are no qualifications to become a treasurer and that all a candidate needs to do is win the approval of a majority of voters. He then stated that Bozo the clown could be treasurer if he could get the votes.

Ford adamantly denied all Bednark's allegations and disputed his claims. Ford told the board members and audience that she and Post Smythe Lutz and Ziel had no responsibility in the bank change or the errors that occurred. Ford stated that she was not invited to participate in the planning leading up to the change and stated the Bednark's office was fully responsible for the errors.

Board members voted to remove the item from the agenda and requested a formal statement from Post Smythe Lutz and Ziel defending their position and further requested that Bednark provide his emails and correspondence to validate his claims.

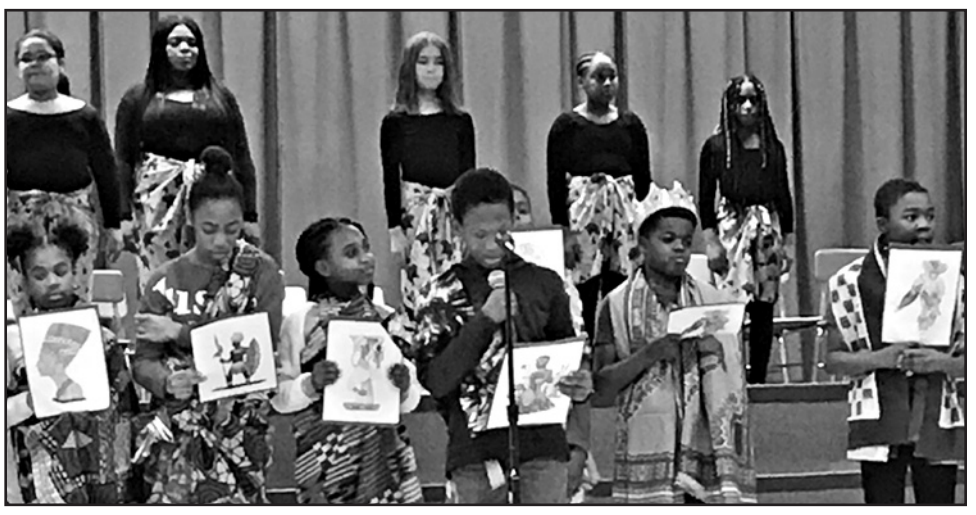
When the board members met again Feb. 25, they determined that in fact, Ford and Traskos and Post Smythe Lutz and Ziel were not involved in the planning of the change in banks and that Bednark's claims were incorrect and not an accurate reflection of the situation.

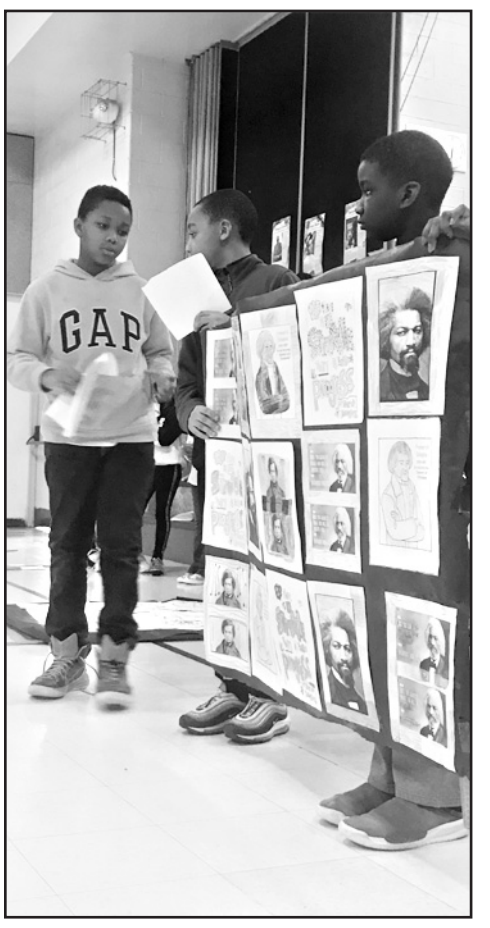
The total fees of $9,450 which included the $3,062 Bednark disputed, were approved by a 5-0 vote of the township board for payment to the accounting firm.

Bednark did not attend the Feb. 25 meeting.

Living history lesson

Students at Wick Elementary School in Romulus presented a black history program called “Great Black Leaders: Past and Present” last month and kindergarten through fifth grade students took part in the living history lesson. The event was under the direction of Carrie Hurn and students presented lessons on Kings and Queens of Africa; Distinguished Slaves; Jim Crow Era /Freedom Fighters; Civil Rights Leaders and Current Day Leaders. The students included singing, dancing, African drummers, and even a mock talk show as part of the presentation. The dance team performed and the boy's mentoring program (Dream Kings) also performed. There also was a brief Greek Life acknowledgement and history by Principal Kimberly Calloway, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.





Sumpter trustees consider reassessment of property

Sumpter Township residents could be receiving some special visitors during the near future, if trustees agree to a plan to reassess property in the municipality.

WCA, a professional assessment firm, has proposed a reinspection and reassessment of all property in the township in an effort to update and correct outdated tax records, some of which are 30 to 40 years out of date. Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees are expected to consider the $114,540 expense to fund the reinspection and reassessment of township property at their March 24 meeting.

WCA assessor Aaron Powers said the reassessment is necessary to correct outdated records and ensure the township is in compliance with state tax commission recommendations. He noted that it is possible the township is not collecting the correct amount of tax on properties where improvements or changes have been made during the years.

He also explained that a preliminary look at an area of the township revealed several inconsistencies in the property assessments which could be costing the township tax revenue.

Board members questioned the procedures involved in assessors' visits and noted that without proper notification of the proposed property visits, homeowners could be upset and might even deny access to the property.

Powers said that every effort will be made to publicize the reassessments which would take place during the next 48 months if approved. He said that WCA usually notifies homeowners using the municipal website, the newsletter and by word of mouth, although, he added, the law does give the assessor the right to enter the property. He said that WCA has been assessing property for decades and has experienced few problems with homeowners. He told the board that WCA could also send postcards notifying residents of the upcoming inspection. Should there be a problem, however, Powers said WCA has the ability to perform assessments using online photos of properties.

He said that the assessors from WCA all carry photo identification and wear bright yellow vests when visiting properties.

In addition, Powers said, WCA personnel will take digital photos of the properties that are revalued and that all the assessment records would be available online.

Currently, WCA, based in Westland, is the assessment firm used by 23 of the 24 Wayne County jurisdictions. According to officials, the company has assessed more than 200,000 parcels during the past several decades.

If approved, the reassessments would begin in April.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2020 for the following:

VENDING SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold three public hearings beginning at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, April 1, 2020** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2020-001; PFG Romulus/Vistar, requesting a variance from Section 8.04, *Schedule of Regulations, M-1, Light Industrial District* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a building height of 38 feet where up to 35 feet is allowed. The subject property is zoned RC, Regional Center however a conditional rezoning to M-1, Light Industrial is proposed to allow for the development of a 165,200-sq. ft. warehouse distribution facility on Parcel ID #80-038-99-0002-702 which is located on the north side of Smith Road, east of Vining Road. The applicant is Kojanian Venoy Wick Acquisitions, LLC.

2. BZA-2020-002; A-Ok Plumbing, requesting a variance from *Section 6.05(d), Parking Lots and Vehicular Circulation Drives* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the expansion of a non-conforming front yard parking lot. The applicant is changing the use of the CBD-1 property to a plumbing contractor's establishment. The property is located at 35930 Goddard.

3. BZA-2020-003; Amazon Off-Site Parking, requesting a use variance to allow for the outdoor storage of Amazon delivery vans and personal vehicles at 38481 West Huron River Dr. The property is zoned M-2, General Industrial District and uses without a principal building are prohibited.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Department of Public Services during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 19/20-28 TWELVE MONTH PRICING FOR FORD FS (OR EQUIVALENT) FABRICATED LUG ALL STAINLESS STEEL CLAMPS FOR DCC COOPERATIVE

The City of Romulus along with the collective members of the Downriver Community Conference are seeking sealed bids for 24 month contract pricing for the purchase Ford FS style (or approved equivalent), fabricated lug all stainless steel repair clamps.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Thursday, **3/26/2020**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
(5) All timely received bids will be reviewed at the regular meeting of the Downriver Consortium to be held at 9:00 am, Tuesday, May 12, 2020, in room 105 of the Downriver Community Conference, 15100 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48195.
(6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(7) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the members of the DCC or otherwise in a manner deemed by the Consortium to be in its own best interest.
(8) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(9) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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Canton - Plymouth

Owner's lawsuit delays house demolition deadline

The owner of the mold-filled home at 870 Lotz Road in Canton Township has until April 11 to either cure the problem or demolish the structure unless the Circuit Court grants her petition and takes control of the situation.

Should the owner, Jeanne Wyatt, fail to demolish the house, and the court fail to grant her petition, the township will order the work done and charge Wyatt for the removal of the home

Members of the township board of trustees agreed to extend the original deadline set Feb. 25 for demolishing the home during a closed session Feb. 11. The board members ordered the demolition following reports from building officials who cited dangerous mold growing inside the house.

The home is currently empty but is secured, according to attorney David Nykanen who filed a lawsuit on behalf of Wyatt, to prevent the demolition. In the court filing, Nykanen argues that municipalities must provide 60 days notice to owners before demolition procedures.

Wyatt and Nykanen contend that the mold problem at the home began with the paving of Lotz Road by Wayne County in 2016. Wyatt alleges that the paving included the filling of a storm water retention ditch which subsequently led to the flooding of the house and the interior mold.

Nykanen also filed an inverse condemnation lawsuit against Wayne County, citing the paving project as the cause of the flooding and eventual mold. He also filed legal paperwork requesting that the 3rd Circuit Court take control of the township demolition action until the legal issue is settled with Wayne County.

He said Wyatt has been advised not to fix the mold problem until the flooding issue is resolved. That would require Wayne County to install a drain or create some type of storm water retention basin.

Nykanen said he had not been informed of any plans or actions by Wayne County in the matter.

All aboard

History buffs publish book about railroads

Two local history buffs in Plymouth have published a book about the impact of railroads throughout the area.

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, and Ellen Elliott, a local historian and lecturer, combined their research sources and talent to produce the new volume which shows the importance and impact the railroads had in the area.

Kerstens, who is also a retired U.S. Marine major, has published three previous works. Elliott serves as the executive director of Friends of the Penn and is the manager of the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth

According to a Detroit Free Press article published March 14, 1872: "The advent of the railroad has completely changed the course of life of the inhabitants of this village (Plymouth), which is the first of importance going west from Detroit."

Kerstens and Elliott researched the two railroads that came to Plymouth in the early 1870s and changed the course of history for the once-sleepy town. Within 20 years, the railroads would be used to transport repeat orders for the booming air rifle industry to all corners of the United States. The rail lines made industry possible for a small burg outside of the metropolitan area of Detroit, the authors said.

Because of the distance to other cities, passenger transportation was always an important mission of railroads. These needs were met between 1899 and 1928 by the Detroit, Plymouth and Northville Railroad (Interurban). Later, enhanced passenger service ran on the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) line between Detroit and Grand Rapids, stopping in Plymouth (1946-1971).

The complete history of the railways is detailed in their new book, Plymouth Railroads, which will be available beginning April 6 from Arcadia Publishing, the leading publisher of books of local history and local interest in the country. The mission of Arcadia, based in Mount Pleasant, is to connect people with their past, with their communities and with one another, according to the company website. Arcadia has a catalog of more than 15,000 local titles and publishes 500 new books of local interest and local history each year. The cost is $21.99 for the 128 page, paperback volume.

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens

Ellen Elliott

For more information or to place an order, contact www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Michigan Philharmonic plans 'March Mahler Madness'

The Michigan Philharmonic orchestra will celebrate March Madness right along with the rest of the country - only with a twist.

"Mahler Madness" set for 2 p.m. March 15 features the orchestra in an afternoon of eclectic music with classics from Mahler and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, mingled with new music from local star, Jessica Hunt.

Music from this concert is threaded together with themes about childhood and childlike remembrances. Visiting composer Hunt's music is a nod to her childhood memories of her grandparents' home in the Northwest while Mahler's music shares musical images of a child's view of heaven.

Opening the concert with music from his African Suite, the music of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor who was known to his musician friends as the "African Mahler". The orchestra will be joined on this opening piece by the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra performing side-by-side with the Michigan Phil players. This performance opportunity for the young student musicians is one of the highlights of the youth orchestra program and a rare opportunity for the students as well as the audience.

The second piece on the program "The Eagle Tree" features Hunt's musical reflections of her childhood in a piece full of imagery.

Hunt earned her PhD in composition at the University of Michigan and is currently teaching at the Peabody Institute.

During the month of March, orchestras around the country are participating in a food-drive campaign to help alleviate hunger by partnering with local food pantries and promoting the drives at their concerts.

The Michigan Philharmonic is participating in this effort by partnering with Gleaners for a food drive. at the concert which will be performed at First United Methodist Church located at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth .

Audiences are asked to bring canned and/or non-perishable food items to the concert and Gleaners will have boxes for food and monetary donations.

For tickets and information call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
Advertisement for Community Park Infield Professional Installation Services

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 1st, 2020.

The Township hereby solicits bids to provide professional installation services of infield materials on three (3) baseball infields at Community Park, 15801 Beck Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Information on the project is available on the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/projects along with all bid documents and can also be obtained from the Clerks Department, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

Additional information may be obtained from the Parks & Facilities Supervisor, Nathan Reilly at nreilly@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Nathan Reilly, Parks and Recreation Department via email to nreilly@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions will not be accepted after 3:30 P.M. Monday, March 23rd, 2020.

Marjorie Banner, Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville Township Department of Public Services within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to:

Northville Township
Department of Public Services
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, Michigan 48168- 9670

Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Services at (248) 348-5820 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
Advertisement for Community Park Infield Bulk Materials

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 1st, 2020.

The Township hereby solicits bids to provide 700 tons of Dura Edge Classic infield material, 12 tons of Dura Edge Proslide red topdressing material, and 200 tons of 70/30 topsoil; all delivered to 15801 Beck Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Information on the project is available on the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/projects along with all bid documents and can also be obtained from the Clerks Department, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

Additional information may be obtained from the Parks & Facilities Supervisor, Nathan Reilly at nreilly@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Nathan Reilly, Parks and Recreation Department via email to nreilly@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions will not be accepted after 3:30 P.M. Monday, March 23rd, 2020.

Marjorie Banner, Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Request for Applications and Public Notice of Availability of Funds

The Charter Township of Canton announces the availability of approximately $300,000 in CDBG funds for housing and community development activities beginning July 1, 2020. CDBG program income or reprogrammed CDBG funds may also be available under this announcement. Canton will accept sealed applications at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2020 for the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Applications may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the application name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2020 SIDEWALK GAPS AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

The Charter Township of Plymouth, the OWNER, will receive sealed Bids for the 2019 Sidewalk Replacement Program at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, until Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 2:00 pm local time. No Bids will be received after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and place.

This project consists of removing and replacing existing concrete sidewalk along the public rights-of-way within Plymouth Township.

The approximate quantities of the major items of Work are:

19,000 SF	Concrete Walk Remove & Replace, 4 Inch
3,000 SF	Concrete Walk Remove & Replace, 6 Inch
20,000 SF	Sidewalk, Conc, 4 Inch
2,000 SF	Sidewalk, Conc, 6 Inch

The project will be financed with local funds.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations **beginning on March 12, 2020:**
Clerk's Office, Plymouth Township, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

Bidding Documents were prepared by Spalding DeDecker. Bidders should direct correspondence to that office at 248-844-5400 (attn: Taylor Reynolds, PE).

Bid Security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders must be submitted with each Bid.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 120 days after the actual date of opening thereof. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement of the OWNER and any Bidder or Bidders.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative Bids and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all Bids; and in general to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

Charter Township of Plymouth,

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

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Inkster - Northville

Board OK's air quality device on school land

Members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education approved a plan to allow Advanced Disposal Systems to install an air quality monitoring system on Ridge Wood Elementary School property.

The system will be constructed and paid for by Advanced Disposal Systems (ADS) and is in response to an order from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency demanding the testing system for air quality near the ADS-owned Arbor Hills landfill.

The school is within a mile of the landfill which was cited by state officials for air-quality offenses several times last year. The impact on air quality near the waste site has been discussed at several meetings of the Northville City Council members and numerous complaint letters have been sent to ADS. An air quality monitoring system at the landfill site was ordered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last fall.

The structure is expected to cost about $10,000 and must continue to operate for a minimum of five years, according to the federal agency. It will be shielded by a 10-foot fence according to current plans and the system will monitor for Sulfur Dioxide in the air. The EPA has also required the testing be performed by a third party and that real-time results must be available to the public as a further condition imposed by the agency.

School board president Matthew Wilk noted that the district is not a party to the agreement between the landfill owner and the federal agency. He added that he was concerned that circumstances could change during the five-year arrangement and the district might want to cancel the agreement allowing the air testing system on the school property.

Board trustee Angela Jaafar said the testing of the air quality at Ridge Wood was long overdue and that parents have been asking for a monitoring system for several months. She said the odors from the landfill have been a concern for parents of students at the school.

The system will be installed on the east side of the school parking lot which is within the parameters set by the federal agencies involved.

Construction sight

Volunteers turned out in droves last week during the Habitat for Humanity International Women Build Week at a home site in Inkster. Among the volunteers was 12th District Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson who noted that twice as many volunteers as in the photo worked at the day-long event. The week took place March 1 through 8, the week leading up to International Women's Day. The event calls on women across the globe to raise a hammer to spotlight the need for safe and affordable housing and provides the tools for women to empower and educate themselves about skills used when repairing and restoring homes. This year, approximately 6,000 women volunteers in more than 235 communities in the United States, India and Canada participated with the goal to build and improve 540 homes while raising awareness of housing issues facing women and their families.

History of Maybury Sanatorium to be lecture topic

William H. Maybury

Maybury Sanitorium: Fresh Air Care will be the topic of two presentations in Northville in April.

Both presentations will begin at 7 p.m. The April 6 presentation will take place at the Northville District Library in downtown Northville and the April 7 presentation will take place at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville.

The moderator of the programs will be Joe Oldenburg, a local historian, who is a member of the Northville Township Historic District Fund.

> *The presentations are free but due to the popularity of the programs, reservations are highly recommended.*

Oldenburg will discuss the history surrounding the facility.

Construction began 100 years ago this month at the site of what is now Maybury State Park for the purpose of treating tuberculosis. The presentations are free but due to the popularity of the programs, reservations are highly recommended and can be made at (248) 349-3020. Organizers noted that the programs are so popular that they fill to capacity, necessitating a the repeat presentation on the second night.

Constructed from eight Northville Township farms, Detroit owned and operated the tuberculosis sanatorium which opened in 1921 as the Detroit Municipal Tuberculosis Sanatorium but was later named after William H. Maybury who led the development of the facility. Ironically, Maybury contracted the illness for which the sanatorium was built and died in his farm house on the property in 1931.

In 1969 the sanatorium closed due to a lack of patients. In 1972, the Michigan Natural Resource Commission purchased the property from Detroit and in 1975 Maybury State Park was opened on the grounds.

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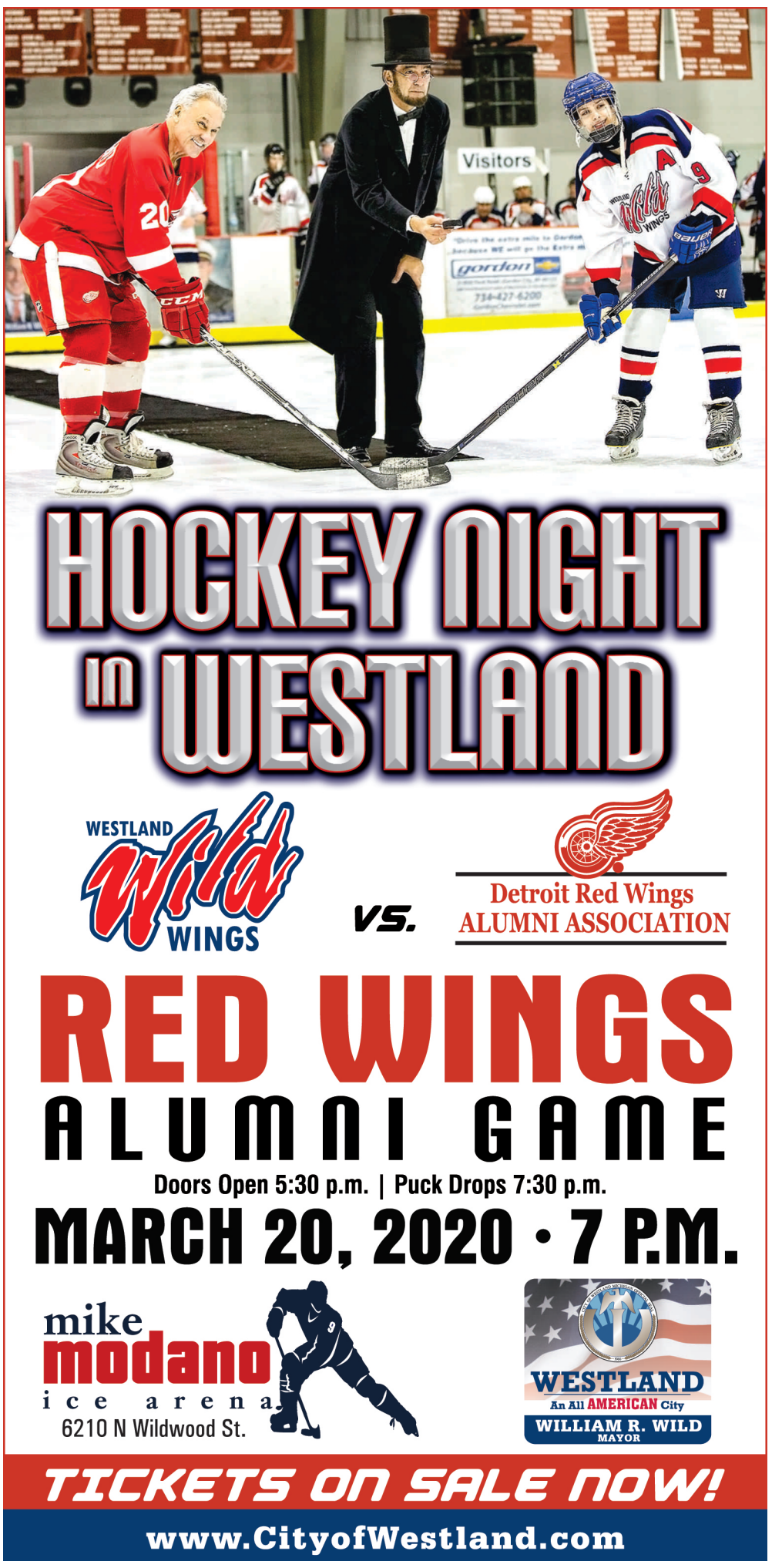

Calendar of events

When There Are Nine continues in Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will present "When There Are Nine", a multi-media women's art exhibit, which will feature nine female artists showcasing their 2D and 3D artwork as a beacon of women's causes and issues during National Women's History Month.

Approximately 50 works of art will be on display and available for sale in the Gallery@VT until March 30. The special event is open to the public as a celebration of Women's History month.

Featured performers include music by flutist Wanda Jones, and solo dance work by Brianna Jahn, assistant professor of dance at The University of Southern Mississippi.

This and all art exhibits at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill are free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

Senior Tax help offered

AARP Foundation Volunteer Tax Aides will offer free tax preparation services at the Northville Community Center again this year. Tax preparation is by appointment only and is offered from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. each Thursday at the Northville Community Center. The last day for appointments will be Thursday, April 9. This service is provided to taxpayers with low/middle income with special preference for appointments will be given to those 60 and older.

Appointments are being accepted at (248) 305-2851.

AARP Tax Volunteers are certified for tax preparation and will electronically file federal and state tax returns. Tax payers will leave the 1-1 ½ hour appointment with a copy of their e-filed returns, and the knowledge that their tax returns have been filed at both Michigan and IRS acceptance sites.

Maple Syrup tours set

Area residents have a unique opportunity every weekend in March at Maybury Farm.

The farm will offer Making Maple Syrup tours every Saturday and Sunday which include a wagon ride to the Sugar Bush in the woods where the maple trees will be tapped for sap The wagon will then take visitors back to the Sugar Shack where the sap will be converted into maple syrup.

Tours are set to begin every half hour from 1 until 4:30 p.m. and tastes of the syrup will be offered. This event is popular each year and space is limited so arrive early to reserve a spot, organizers advised. To schedule a private Maple Syrup Tour for groups of 15 or more, call (248) 374-0200.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. The cost for Maple Syrup Tour is $8 per person and children younger than 2 are admitted free with an adult.

Visit www.mayburyfarm.org to learn more.

Young artists exhibit work

The Northville Art House will present the 4th annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair showcasing young artists in grades 2 through 12 from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 14.. More than 30 young entrepreneurs will have an opportunity to show their creativity and sell original

New this year, the fair will also showcase art from more than 300 young artists who have participated in Northville Art House Young Artist Outreach Program.

There will be free activities for those 12 and younger including cardmaking by Margene from Stampeddler Plus of Northville and STEM activities from STEMville of Northville.

Contact the Northville Art House for more information at (248) 344-0497.

Ghost hunt is planned

The Wayne Historical Society will present a Ghost Hunt at the 140-year-old museum from 7 p.m. until midnight March 13 with the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters.

Tickets are priced at $20.

The museum is located at 1 Town Square in Wayne at the corner of Main and Biddle. For information call the museum at (734) 722-0113.

Kids Crafty Saturday

The Van Buren Township Recreation Department will host Kids Crafty Saturday from 10 until 11:30 a.m. March 14.

Staff will available to provide craft supplies and instruction. The event is designed for those in kindergarten through fifth grade. The cost is $5 per student. Register by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 699-8921.

The event will take place at 46425 Tyler Road in Van Buren Township.

City Lights concert set

City Lights Chorus, an award-wining, all-male acapella ensemble based at Ward Church in Northville is preparing for the second annual spring show, The Simple Life, set for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Ward Church in Northville..

Along with the chorus the show will feature two world class quartets, Frontier, the 2018 Next Gen Varsity Quartet Champions, and Instant Classic, the 2015 International Quartet Champions.

Tickets are $25 for the front seven rows or $20 general admission and are available at www.citylightschorus.com or at the door,

Children's book sale set

The Friends of the Westland Library will be hosting a Children's Book Sale at the William P. Faust Library located at 6123 Central City Parkway, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and from noon until 3 p.m. Sunday March 15, In honor of March is Reading Month, for two days all children's and young adult books will be only 10 cents each.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Knives Out at library

The William P. Faust Library will be hosting a Saturday Movie Matinee at 1 p.m. Saturday March 14. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway. This week, the movie will be Knives Out, rated PG-13. Doors open at 12:45 p.m.

Snacks and refreshments are provided - donations are accepted and appreciated.

Art entry deadline nears

The Arts and Acts Festival will take place on the streets of downtown Northville June 19-21 this year.

The three fairs feature fine artisans and crafters from Michigan and across the country.

The weekend celebrations will include the 3rd Annual Maker's Mart Juried Art Fair which includes artisans selling handcrafted crochet to stained glass, soap to handmade bags and home décor to clothing.

The online application deadline for artisans is 11:59 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at Maker's.com.

Mark Twain in Michigan

The Belleville Area Museum will present When Mark Twain Came to Michigan with Al and Dave Eicher from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 19. The program is free for museum members and there is a $5 fee for non-members.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville. For information, call (734) 697-1944.

Wild Wings vs. Red Wings

Mayor William R. Wild, along with his team of Westland Wild Wings, are once again getting ready to lace up their skates to challenge the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in the 11th Annual Hockey Night in Westland charity event.

The event, being presented by North Brothers Ford, will take to the ice at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20 at the Mike Modano Ice Arena located at 6210 N. Wildwood St. in Westland.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. the Westland Hockey Association Mini-Mites and Mites will take the ice to show off their skills.

The Red Wing Alumni and the Westland Wild Wings game will follow at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the event are $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and younger are admitted at no cost with an adult.

Tickets are available for purchase at Westland City Hall, the Mike Modano Ice arena, North Brothers Ford, 33300 Ford Road, and online at https://westland.ticketleap.com/2020-hockey-night-in-westland/

Seating is limited so early ticket purchase is recommended by organizers.

State of the City address planned

The deadline to register for Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa's State of the City is March 20.

The event is set for noon Wednesday, March 25 at Wayne Tree Manor.

The address and luncheon is sponsored by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Rhaesa will administer the oath of office for the new Wayne Chamber of Commerce board members.

The cost for the luncheon is $20. Reservations are now being accepted at (734) 721-0100 or email info@waynechamber.org.

Wayne Tree Manor is located 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

Rosie the Riveter visits

The Belleville Area Museum will celebrate National Rosie the Riveter Day from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 21 with visits from original and tribute Rosies along with Suffragette reenactors. Dressing up as a Rosie or Suffragette is encouraged, organizers said.

For information, call (734) 697-1944.

Scott Ciscon, Jem Sharples, and Paul Martin of Tenors Unlimited. Photo courtesy of Tenors Unlimited

Tenors to perform

The number-one selling classical vocal trio, 'Tenors Unlimited,' will perform their new show "That's Amore" beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Known as the 'Rat Pack of Opera,' Tenors Unlimited have performed alongside such notables as Sting, Lionel Richie, Beyoncé, Hayley Westenra, Simply Red and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra among others.

For more than 15 years, Tenors Unlimited has been entertaining audiences worldwide using talents honed in their previous solo careers in opera and theatre.

In this new show, Scott Ciscon, Jem Sharples, and Paul Martin will take audiences on a journey through some of the best-loved songs of the last century, made famous by other 'icons of song' such as Pavarotti, Lanza, Sting, Bublé and Freddie Mercury.

As a college student, Tenors Unlimited member Scott Ciscon spent several summers in Michigan and is excited to bring this show to his adopted home state where family still resides in both Livonia and Northville.

Tickets are currently on sale priced at $30 for adults; $25 for seniors and $20 for students and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call or visit The Village Theater Box Office between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Calls will be accepted at (734) 394-5300. If tickets remain, they will be available for purchase one hour prior to show opening time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

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